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PATENT APPLICATION

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New nucleotide sequences which code  
for the tal gene

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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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Date: April 11, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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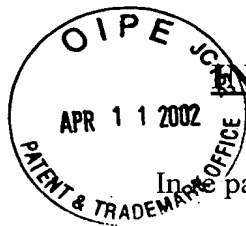
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Duncan, *et al.*

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For: **New Nucleotide Sequences  
Which Code for the TAL Gene**

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**Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments**

**In the Abstract**

Please delete the text of the abstract presently in the application from page 40. Please add the following text in its place:

-- The invention is directed to DNA sequences from coryneform bacteria which encode a protein having transaldolase enzymatic activity. The invention also encompasses methods for the fermentative production of L-amino acids using bacteria in which the gene encoding transaldolase is amplified. --

**In the Specification:**

On page 1 of the application, after the title and immediately above the text on line 2, please add the heading -- Field of the Invention --.

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